



ACMC 8 Day Brief

VMMT-204

Class A Aviation Flight Mishap

CREW CHIEF FALLS FROM AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT

2014/05/19





Incident Overview

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Who

(b)(6), (b)(7)c Pilot in Command / Pilot not at the controls (PNAC)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c Co-Pilot / Pilot at the controls (PAC)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c / Crew Chief / Forward, located at the cabin door

Lance Corporal Steven D. Hancock (Deceased)/ Crew Chief / Aft, located at the ramp

What

After departing Brown Airport (KEYF) during a daytime Familiarization training flight, LCpl Hancock fell from between 1500' and 5500' AGL in the vicinity of White Lake. A subsequent air and ground search located LCpl Hancock and he was declared deceased at 1549L, 20 May by Bladen County Medical Examiner.

When

1830L / 19 MAY 2014

Where

17S QU 31155 43689, Near Elizabethtown, NC.



Pilot in Command Background Information

(b)(6), (b)(7)c (PNAC)

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Marital Status
Location of Dependents
Dependents
Date entered USMC
Date of Rank
Date joined unit
Duties
Qualifications
Flight Hours / TMS Hours
Flt Hours 30 / 60 / 90 days
Flt Currency
Drugs or Alcohol
Human Factors / FPC
Last Safety Brief
Recent Deployment
Known Personal Issues

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

1714.7 / 515.1
29.2 / 38.3 / 42.1
CURRENT

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

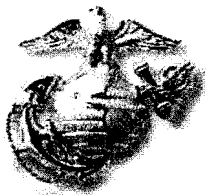
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(b)(6), (b)(7)c

CO COMMENTS:

(b)(5)

(b)(5)



Pilot

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

Background Information (PAC)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

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Human Factors / FPC

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Known Personal Issues

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

212.7 / 9.7

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CURRENT

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

17 APR 14 (OP PAUSE)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

(b)(5)

CO COMMENTS:

(b)(5)



Crew Chief Personal Background Information

(Forward)

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

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Marital Status

Dependents

Date entered USMC

Date of Rank

Date joined unit

Duties

Qualifications

Flight Hours / TMS Hours

Flt Hours 30 / 60 / 90 days

Flt Currency

Drugs or Alcohol

Human Factors / FPC

Last Safety Brief

NLMB

Suicide Awareness/Prev

Recent Deployment

Known Personal Issues

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

46.7 / 46.7

3.3 / 3.3 / 7.1

CURRENT

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

17 APR 14 (OP PAUSE)

20 DEC 13

20 DEC 13

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

CO COMMENTS:

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Crew Chief Personal Background Information

LCpl Hancock (Aft)

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Marital Status	SINGLE
Dependents	NONE
Date entered USMC	05 MAR 12
Date of Rank	01 DEC 13
Date joined unit	12 OCT 13
Duties	TILT-ROTOR CREW CHIEF
Qualifications	MV-22 CREW CHIEF
Flight Hours / TMS Hours	50.3 / 50.3
Flt Hours 30 / 60 / 90 days	1.6 / 4.9 / 4.9
Flt Currency	CURRENT
Drugs or Alcohol	PENDING TOXICOLOGY RESULTS
Human Factors / FPC	LOW RISK – 10 APR 14
Last Safety Brief	17 APR 14 (OP PAUSE)
NLMB	29 AUG 13
Suicide Awareness/Prev	29 AUG 13
Recent Deployment	NA
Known Personal Issues	NONE



LCpl Hancock

CO COMMENTS:

(b)(5)

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Deceased



Medical/Mental History

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- Medical / Mental History:

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

No issues

- Pilots / Crew Chiefs on flight status

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

(b)(6), (b)(7)c



Summary of Events

19 May

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- 1430L: The crew receives the ODO brief in the ready room. Reported weather was light winds, clear skies and 10 miles visibility. (b)(6), (b)(7)c completes the NATOPS crew brief and briefs the T&R discussion items with (b)(6), (b)(7)c
- 1645L: The crew hot seats into the aircraft and keeps the previous crew's publications bag and mission data load for the local area familiarization flight.
- 1700L: Event 8-1 departs New River to conduct familiarization training at Curtis L. Brown, Jr. Field (KEYF), approximately 56 NM west of New River in Elizabethtown, NC.
- LCpl Hancock occupied rear most crew chief position adjacent to aircraft ramp. (b)(6), (b)(7)c occupied forward most crew chief position near aircraft cockpit.
- 1830L: Event 8-1 departs Brown Field, training complete, to the east-northeast at 1,500' and 170 knots.

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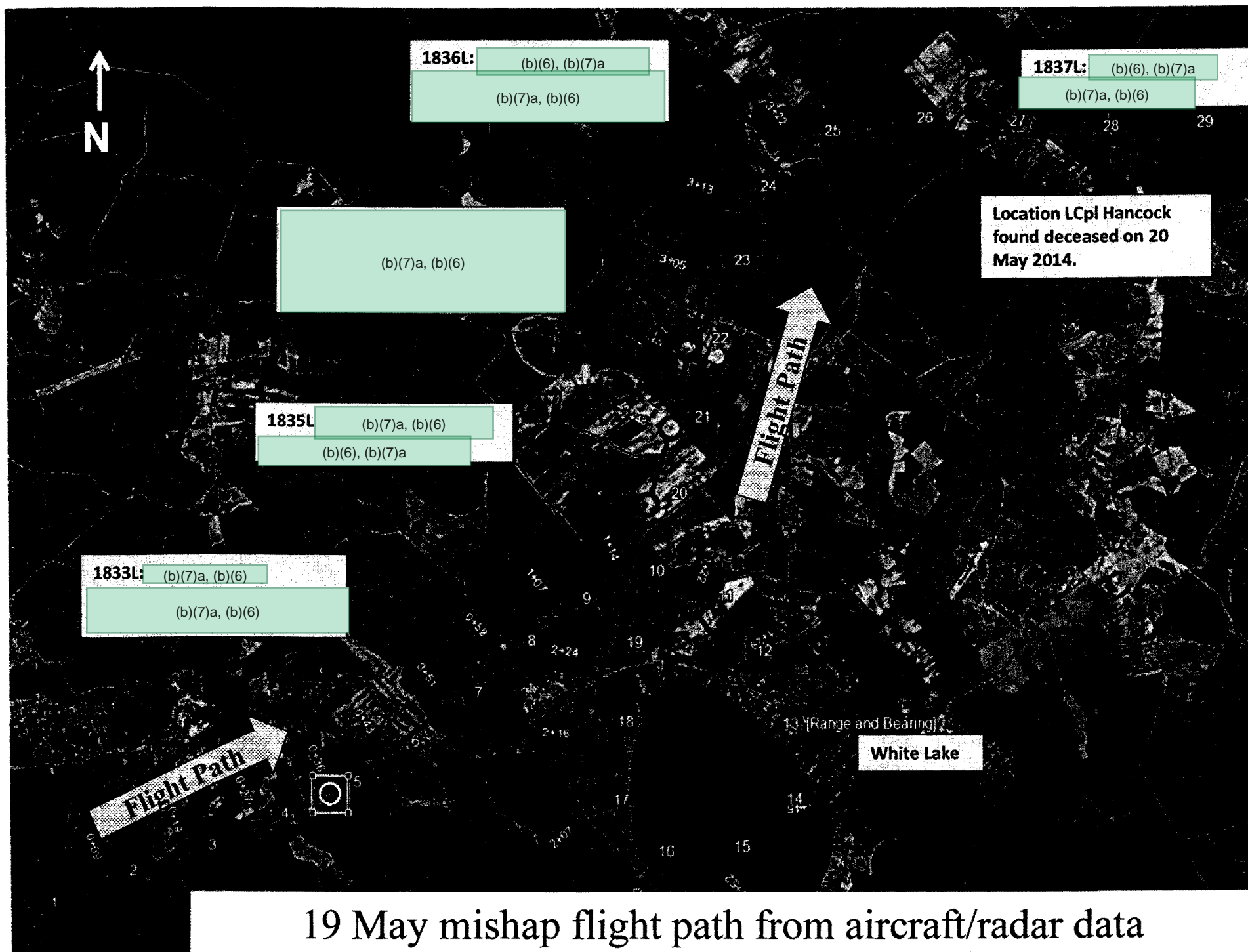


Summary of Events

20 May

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- 19-20 May: Combined Air/Ground Search for LCpl Hancock.
- 1430L: LCpl Hancock found deceased in the vicinity of U.S. Highway 701 and Carter Blueberry Rd near White Lake.





Ongoing Investigations

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- Aviation Mishap Board (AMB)
 - (b)(6), (b)(7)c – Senior Member
 - (b)(6), (b)(7)c Aviation Safety Officer
 - (b)(6), (b)(7)c Operations Rep
 - (b)(6), (b)(7)c Maintenance Rep
 - (b)(6), (b)(7)c Flight Surgeon
- Field Flight Performance Board (FFPB)
 - Senior Member – TBD
- JAGMAN Initiated
 - (b)(6), (b)(7)c Investigator



Press Interest

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- This event has been broadcasted on national news as well as followed on local news stations in coordination with the 2d MAW Joint Public Affairs Officer, Mike Barton (252) 466-5714.



Family and CACO Issues

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- Notification of Next of Kin

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- Other Injuries

- None exist as of this brief

- Other Family Issues

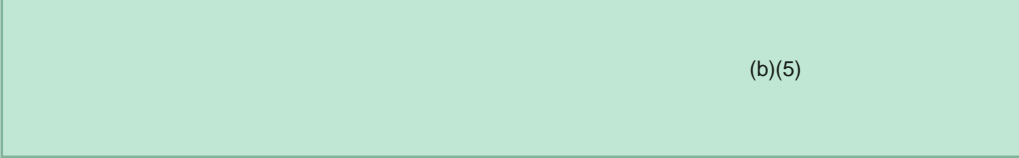
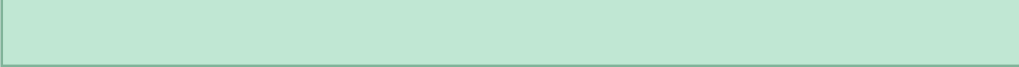
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Lessons Learned / Actions Taken

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- Actions taken by the Commander
 - Addressed squadron
 - Assisting NCIS Investigation
 - Convened AMB
 - Assigned JAGMAN Investigative Officer
 - In process of convening the FFPB





Squadron Commander Comments

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MAG 26 Assessment / Comments

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The MAG will take the following immediate steps in response to this mishap:

- MAG-26 squadrons will immediately brief all aircrew on this mishap and will ensure all crews have a heightened awareness of the fall hazards and proper restraint procedures.
- The MAG will review existing procedures in the NATOPS Manual and flight SOP to determine what changes should be made to prevent future mishaps of this kind.

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CG Assessment / Comments

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- This mishap is a very difficult one for the 2d MAW family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Hancock family during their time of loss and sadness.
- The entire Carolina MAGTF responded to this incident as it took nearly 24 hours to find LCpl Hancock. We deeply appreciate that assistance as we continue to support MAG-26 in dealing with this tragedy. I have appointed a senior member from the 2d MAW staff to oversee the Aviation Mishap Board. I won't speculate on causes as the mishap investigation is ongoing (b)(5)

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